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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

Please cancel Claims 1-18 and add the following new claims:

19. An apparatus for storing and transporting articles having a dimension in at least a first direction that is larger than at least one other dimension in a direction perpendicular the first direction, said apparatus comprising substantially U-shaped pockets which are formed from a flexible web material and which are arranged in a frame, wherein each of the U-shaped pockets are formed by two adjacent separate substantially parallel-extending material webs comprising the flexible material, and wherein at least one connecting web of the flexible web material extends between the two parallel material webs to form the U-shaped pocket and wherein the parallel material webs are substantially rectangular and have two upper corners by which they are suspended in the frame.

20. Apparatus according to Claim 19 wherein the connecting web is mounted to the two parallel material webs so that the configuration thereof in cross-section is substantially S-shaped.

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